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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, BM

SUBJECT: BURMESE REQUEST FOR RECOILLESS RIFLES

REFS: (A) RANGOON 2388; (B) RANGOON 2237; (C) STATE
- 167691; (D) RANGOON 1734

1. BOTH HIGH-EXPLOSIVE ANTI-TANK (HEAT) AND ANTI-PERSONNEL (APERS) ARE USED WITH THE 90MM RECOILLESS RIFLE. HEAT IS PRIMARILY AN ARMOR DEFEATING ROUND WHICH MAY ALSO BE EMPLOYED AGAINST TROOPS AND FIXED TARGETS. HOWEVER, ITS EXPLOSIVE FRAGMENTATION CHARACTERISTICS LIMIT ITS EFFECTIVENESS WHEN USED AGAINST OTHER THAN ARMORED TARGETS. APERS AMMUNITION IS USEFUL FOR DEFENSE AGAINST MASSED ATTACK OR FOR ASSAULT ON TROOPS IN TALL GRASS OR DENSE FOLIAGE.

2. AT THE PRESENT TIME, ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT REFTTEL (C) INDICATED OTHERWISE, THERE ARE NO 90MM RECOILLESS RIFLES ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO THE GUB. ESTIMATED
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AVAILABILITY IS 24 MONTHS VIA REBUILD. APPROXIMATE UNIT COST (THIS IS NOT A FIRM, FINAL PRICE AND IS A PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE WHICH SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE BURMESE ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS ONLY) IN THE U.S. WOULD BE ROUGHLY \$6,000 FOR THE WEAPON AND AROUND \$54 FOR HEAT OR \$64 FOR

APERS AMMUNITION. FMS COST FIGURES WILL BE PROVIDED BY

THE US ARMY ON RECEIPT OF A GUB REQUEST FOR PRICE AND
AVAILABILITY DATA THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.

3. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE SALE OF THIS EQUIPMENT TO
THE BURMA ARMY ON A CASH FMS BASIS AT THIS TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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